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Re: Information Disclosure Statement
Appl. No.: 10/549,681
Filed: September 19, 2005
Title: **Silicon Oxide Based Articles**
Inventor(s): Boara, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 7601/84393

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. PTO/SB/08a (list of references);
3. Reference B1-B5 and C1-C5; and
4. Return Postcard.

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It is respectfully requested that the enclosed postcard be stamped with the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Some of these references were cited in the Search Report for corresponding International Application PCT/EP2004/002578, a copy of which is enclosed.

In addition to the documents cited herein, Applicants also wish to make the Examiner aware of the following co-pending application: 10/549,680, filed September 19, 2005.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), Applicants undersigned attorney submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents cited on the accompanying form:

Reference B4, published Japanese patent document, JP 61-163131 A, describes the preparation of a glass body. An English language abstract corresponding to this document is cited on the accompanying list of references as document C3.

Reference B5, published Japanese patent document, JP 2002-293548, describes a method for producing silica glass. An English language abstract corresponding to this document is cited on the accompanying list of references as document C4.

Applicants do not waive any rights to appropriate action to establish patentability over any of the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the present application. This statement should not be construed as a representation that more material information does not exist or that an exhaustive search of the relevant art has been made.

Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-captioned application are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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